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NUCLEAR POWER GROWTH

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2. THE GENERAL FEELING OF LOCAL LWR VENDORS, GE AND WESTINGHOUSE, IS THAT THE OIL CRISIS HAS NOT PRECIPITATED A NEW RUSH TOWARD NUCLEAR POWER. THEY TELL US THAT MOST ADVANCED COUNTRIES WERE ALREADY MOVING TO NUCLEAR POWER PRIOR TO THE RECENT OIL PRICE INCREASES. A POSSIBLE MOVE TOWARD NUCLEAR POWER ON A FASTER TIMETABLE BY SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES; I.E., DENMARK, GREECE, AND ISRAEL, MAY DEVELOP, BUT THIS WOULD BE ONLY A SMALL ADDITION TO THE ALREADY PLANNED WORLD NUCLEAR CAPACITY.

2. THE BEST CURRENT SOURCE OF INFORMATION APPEARS IN NEA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OECD LONG TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT WORK. A DRAFT OF THIS DOCUMENT, SEN/NELT(73)13 DATED 21 DEC 1973, HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN POUCHED DIRECTLY TO G. MERCER, USAEC HQS. THE NEA REPORT

CONTAINS THE DETAILED INPUT OF EXPERTS FROM MANY OECD COUNTRIES AND FORECASTS NUCLEAR POWER GROWTH TO THE YEAR 2000. NEA SECRETARIAT'S L. BOXER DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT RECENT EVENTS WOULD MATERIALLY EFFECT THE RESULTS OF THE REPORT WHICH IS DUE IN FINAL FORM THIS JUNE. THE RAW DATA INPUT TO THE NEA STUDY ON A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BASIS IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME.

3. REFTTEL B PARAGRAPH 7 AND REFTTEL C, PARAGRAPH 2, CONTAIN NUCLEAR GROWTH PROJECTIONS FOR ITALY AND FRANCE. LATEST AEC/BRUSSELS BIWEEKLY DATED 18 JAN, CONTAINS INFO ON FINLAND, ISRAEL AND UK PROJECTIONS.

4. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL ON JAN 16 A MEMORANDUM WHICH PROPOSES A PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, THE MEMORANDUM WAS PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO AN INSTRUCTION LAST YEAR FROM THE COUNCIL FOR SUCH A PAPER AND DOES NOT REFLECT ANY MEANINGFUL CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY'S PROJECTIONS OF NUCLEAR POWER GROWTH DUE TO THE CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS. THE COMMUNITY WAS ALREADY FIRMLY COMMITTED TO GREATER USE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN FUTURE YEARS AND THE COMMISSION'S MEMORANDUM IS A REINFORCEMENT OF THAT COMMITMENT. A COVER NOTE SUBMITTED WITH THE COMMISSION'S MEMORANDUM, HOWEVER, REQUESTS THAT MEMBER STATES NOT CHOOSING NUCLEAR POWER FOR FUTURE ELECTRICAL POWER PLANTS BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN THEIR REASONING TO THE COMMISSION. A FULL REPORT AND THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM AS SOON AS THE TEXT IS AVAILABLE.

5 THREE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ARE BEING FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO G. MERCER, AEC, HQS;

A. THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SITUATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN GERMANY

B. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN SWEDEN 1975-1990

C. ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE (A DOCUMENT FROM THE UK INSTITUTE OF FUEL)

6. FURTHER DETAIL ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE OIL CRISIS CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH EACH OF THE UTILITIES THEM-
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SELVES. THIS WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME, REQUIRE AN INTENSIVE MANPOWER EFFORT, AND PROBABLY NOT ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO WHAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE.
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